



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 189

6th Sunday of Easter

21st May 2017

Masses During the Week

Mon 9.00am
Tue: No Mass.
Wed, Thurs and Fri 9.00 am
Sat: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS AT 11.00 AM.

Stations

For Ardacrow and Cloundereen in the home of Laurence and Judy Sexton on Wed night next, May 24th, at 8.00 pm.

A Station Mass for areas which didn't have house stations this Spring will be celebrated on Wed, May 31st, at 8.00 pm in the church. Envelopes are available for distribution to those areas now, please:

- Bawnea and Clonbouig
- Barleyfield
- Clonbouig and Bawnea
- Burren
- Farnagark, Lisheenaleen and Rathclaren
- Garrendruig
- Clashavanna, Shankiel, Ballinakeen and Coolshinnaugh
- Clashreagh, Killeens, Knockanroe, Hackettstown, Ballydonis and Currowrane
- Coolmain and Granassig
- Cripple Hill, Kielnamoul, Maulnaskinlehan and Maulmane
- Granreigh and Glounavaud
- Kilshinihan and Ballycatten
- Knockbrown and Baurleigh
- Maryboro (Cloncalla Mor and Beag)
- Ratharoon
- Village

Rosary

For the month of May, rosary will be recited by the Legion of Mary at the grotto each Monday evening at 8.30. Rosary will also be recited before every weekday Mass.

Lectio Divina

Every Thursday night at 8:00 in Granreigh for the month of May. Everyone welcome. For more info, please call Bernie on 087 772 2673

Pilgrimage to Fatima

Kilbrittain Parish Assembly is planning on a pilgrimage to Fatima this year for the Centenary anniversary. We hope to go on the 6th Oct for 4 nights, cost €550 per person. Anyone who is interested in going can phone Jim on 0868306312 or Dan on 0860584232 before Saturday 27 May.

Afternoon Tea Party

In aid of Raymond Hayes Rehabilitation Fund in the Parish Hall this Sunday, 21st May. Dancing 2.30 to 5.30, music by Teddy Crowley. Refreshments served..

KILBRITTAIN GAA

Thanks to all who supported the golf classic. 69 teams were on the time sheet and almost 100 tee-box/prize sponsors were gathered. A special thanks to the main Sponsor, O'Connor Coaches and to the committee for all their hard work.

Lotto 8 - 20 - 27 - 28

There was no winner of the €11,300 jackpot. €40 winners were Kieran Madden, Jennifer Cashman, DJ Holland, Cian O'Sullivan, Dens

Websites: www.parish.kilbrittain.net
www.frcremin.com

BAPTISMS:

Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Mon 9 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, KILBRITTAIN

Fr Jerry Cremin PP
Member of Irish Confraternity of Catholic Clergy
023-8849637 / 087-7857712
Email: mail@frcremin.com.

Cahalane. The jackpot for this weekend will be €11,400.

National Franciscan pilgrimage to the Holy Land

6th - 14th October 2017

Spiritual Director: Fr. Bernard Jones OFM

Contact: Premier Travel at 021-4277700

A Message of Hope

Ronald Knox was an Anglican who became a Catholic priest. He once remarked that the weather vanes on the steeples of some of the churches were very appropriate, since the teachings of those churches change according to how the wind is blowing at the time. You Catholic birds are always flying against the wind: do this, don't do that. They say: "Look at me. I change with the wind. I'm up-to-date. I'm today. You Catholics are so yesterday." The Ten Commandments have become the Ten Suggestions.

I think this is why Pope John Paul II was so admired by the young: He had a direction in which he was going. He was like a migratory bird heading for a distant destination. He had a goal - which was to show his love for Christ by how he lived - and no headwind or bad weather could blow him off course. Young people were drawn to John Paul like slivers of metal to a magnet, despite the fact that their sexual life styles were often in open contradiction to his teaching. We admire people with convictions, with goals, people who know where they're going.

Have you ever seen homing pigeons released from cages far from home? At first they circle around a bit to get their bearings, but once they do, their instinct for home is sure.

I think this is what today's scripture readings are encouraging us to do: to circle around today's gospel till we get our bearings, and then head off with a more definite direction to our lives. Once the migratory bird gets its bearings, it's in for a tough life. There will be headwinds, long sessions over water, hunger,

weariness - but always they're buoyed up by hope, by living life with a purpose. It's this hope, having a goal and hoping to attain it, that makes us resemble Christ.

And where does this hope come from? When Jesus says in today's gospel that if we love him, we will keep his commandments, he is not saying, "If you keep the commandments, I will love you." He is saying, "Keep the commandments because I love you." His commandments are the instinctual navigation aids that guide migratory birds unerringly to where they've never been, to a home they long for but have never seen.

Mothers and fathers are like God in this respect. Parents give dos and don'ts to their children because they love them, not in order to make them lovable. I will never forget a distraught father whose daughter had left him to join the Moonies. "I'd give my right arm to have her back," he cried, and I knew he really meant it. The anguish in his voice will live in me forever. That's the way God the Father feels about each one of us. Indeed, he gave the very life of his only Son so we would come home to him. That's why in today's second reading St. Peter says; "Christ died for us....so that he could lead us (back) to God."

Fr Edward V. Hattrick, O.S.A.

http://www.augustinianfriends.org/homilies/hom_easter6a08.htm

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret Collins: killeenskilbrittain@yahoo.ie or to Fr Cremin: mail@frcremin.com. Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm. Weekly Bulletin online at <http://www.frcremin.com/news.html>